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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CALL OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) AMBASSADOR

REF: CAIRO 11764

1. CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR MOPLO-DADET CALLED ON ME TODAY
AT HIS REQUEST. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED
TO BRAZZAVILLE TO ATTEND THE "CONFERENCE OF PARTIES,"
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 20 AND WILL LAST
FIVE DAYS. SINCE HE IS DEPARTING FOR BRAZZAVILLE THIS
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EVENING, HE WISHED TO KNOW IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY REPLY
TO HIS EARLIER MESSAGE (REFTEL. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD
HAD NO RESPONSE.

2. MOPOLO-DADET WAS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED, BUT THOUGHT
THAT PERHAPS SOME KIND OF AN INFORMATION DIALOGUE WITH THE

US MIGHT BE TAKING PLACE ELSEWHERE. HE ASKED THAT I REPORT HIS CALL IN TERMS OF RE-AFFIRMING HIS DESIRE AND THE DESIRE OF MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES (UNSPECIFIED) TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE PRESENT BRAZZAVILLE GOVT IS CORRUPT AND BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNPOPULAR. WHILE HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE QNYTHING, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SOME CHANGES WOULD BEFORE LONG TAKE PLACE. THE NEW CONGOLESE GOVT, WHICHHE EXPECTS TO COME INTO OFFICE, WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE CERTAIN "PROOFS" TO THE US OF ITS DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS. HE DID NOT SPECIFY JUST WHAT THESE MIGHT BE AND, IN LIGHT STATE 204716, I THOUGH IT BEST NOT TO TRY TO DRAW HIM OUT. HE ALSO EXPECTS THAT AN "OFFICIAL" APPROACH WILL BE MADE BY THE CONGOLESE GOVT TO THE US, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS DECEMBER, BUT MORELIKELY IN FEBRUARY AFTER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OFFICE, TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

3. THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE PRIME PURPOSE OF ANY CONGOLESE POLICY SHIFT WILL BE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING US ECONOMIC HELP.

4. MOPOLLO-DADET EXPECTS TO BE BACK IN CAIRO IN EARLY DECEMBER. HE THOUGHT THAT THEREAFTER HE MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POST. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPT WISHES ANY RESPONSE GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR.
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